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| For: POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE               | ) |                       |
| HAVING VINYL GROUP, ESTER               | : |                       |
| GROUP, CARBOXYL GROUP                   | ) |                       |
| AND SULFONIC ACID GROUP,                | : |                       |
| AND PRODUCTION METHOD                   | ) |                       |
| THEREOF                                 | : | May 16, 2007          |

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the concurrently submitted Form PTO/SB/08a. Copies of the foreign patent publications and non-patent literature documents are provided.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following U.S. Applications:

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|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 10/580,830             | 06/09/2005         | 1632                  |
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The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English language documents may be found, *inter alia*, in the English language abstracts attached thereto and/or in the specification there they are cited.

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a written confirmation be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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